GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES IN STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments particularly Government of Bihar have not constituted agricultural committees as yet;

(b) if so, the States where such committees have not been constituted as yet and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued any directives to such States to form their agricultural committees at the earliest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): The State Seeds Sub-Committee for Agriculture and Horticulture crops have been, in pursuance of the relevant provisions contained in the Seeds Act, 1966, reconstituted in respect of the States of Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajsthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The remaining State Governments have been requested to expedite suitable proposal for reconstituting these committees in their respective States.

Besides, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations were advised in October, 2005 to constitute Task Force to look into the reasons for low productivity and address region`s specific problems to enhance agricultural production and productivity. Such Task Forces have since been constituted by the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The remaining States and Union Territory Administrations have been reminded to expedite the matter.